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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE-TOGO

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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KODJO ON SEPTEMBER
2 AND BRIEFED HIM ON REFTEL A. FOREIGN MINISTER WAS REMINDED
THAT US POLICY NOW LINKS HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS TO BOTH
BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE. AS INSTRUCTED, APPROACH
WAS COUCHED IN POSITIVE TERMS. SPECIFIC REFERENCE WAS MADE TO
RECENT RELEASES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND TO PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S
STATED INTENTION TO INVITE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TO REVIEW HUMAN
RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN TOGO.

## 2. KODJO RESPONDED

BY SAYING HE WAS PLEASED TO BE INFORMED
OF THE ACTION OF THE INTER-AGENCY GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. KODJO SAID THE MOOD OF PRESIDENT EYADEMA
WAS SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN AT THIS POINT BECAUSE OF "RECENT INCIDENTS"
(IN THE CONTEXT IT WAS CLEAR HE WAS REFERRING TO THE RECENT
MURDER OF CAPT ESSAO, SEE LOME 2382) AND HE DID NOT THINK
HE WOULD RAISE THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WITH HIM AT THIS POINT.

3. KODJO ASKED ME IF I HAD BRIEFED THE PRESIDENT ON USG CONFIDENTIAL

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HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES. I SAID I HAD DONE SO ON AUGUST I (LOME 2068). PALMER

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